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ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER OF THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE WAS IN SAN DIEGO SEPTEMBER 6 AND SPOKE TO 4000 PEOPLE GATHERED NEAR THE MORMON BATTALION VISITORS CENTER. THE SUP TREK ARRIVED AT THE SAME TIME, SO BATTALION LEADERS LT. COL. ELMER B. JONES AND COL. FRED M. REESE ENJOY A BRIEF VISIT WITH ELDER HUNTER.

# The President's Message



by D. Wesley Reese

## COUPLE CALLED TO NEW ZEALAND

Our *Pioneer* editor, Marvin E. Smith, and his wife Irene have been called to serve in the New Zealand Auckland Mission and will be leaving the middle of November. To Marvin and Irene we give our love and appreciation. We pray our Heavenly Father's choicest blessings will be with them. We know they will give outstanding service because with everything they do they give their whole energy, time and talent. Marvin has been a loyal supporter of Mormon Battalion and SUP and has served on the national board for many years as liaison officer for the Mormon Battalion, director of several treks and editor of the *Pioneer Magazine*. We will miss their counsel, support and friendliness, but will look forward to their return.

## NEW EDITOR

We are very fortunate to have a man with the experience and background of George Everton Sr. to fill the position of editor of the *Pioneer Magazine* and look forward to working with him and assisting him in keeping the publication the outstanding magazine that it is.

## OUTSTANDING TREK

We appreciate the invitation for SUP members to join the Mormon Battalion to participate in their bicentennial trek. For those of us who had the opportunity to go last month, we give our thanks to Col. Fred M. Reese and Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones. I am sure we do not realize the many hours of planning and organizing these two men put in for the trek and the musical production, *March Across our Land*. This trek greatly increased my love and appreciation for those noble pioneers. To see historical places like Independence Rock, Devil's Gate, Chimney Rock, and Winter Quarters filled my heart and soul with gratitude.

I have been very interested in the history of the Mormon Battalion, so the day we spent at Fort Leavenworth, where the Battalion started on their

long march, seeing the place they crossed the Missouri River and the grave of Col. James Allen, was one of the highlights of the trip. Then to follow their line of march on to Santa Fe, Tucson, San Diego and Los Angeles makes one wonder how those men and women could move teams and wagons over such rough and barren terrain, going several days at a time without water. It really made me appreciate the many blessings that have come to us through their efforts.

## GREAT HOSTS

To Dr. Evan Perkins, the Sierra Chapter, and the people in the Sacramento area who took us into their homes and planned the many interesting activities, we give our love and deep appreciation.

We also appreciate the time and efforts of Marvin Follett in showing us the many points of interest in the Douglas, Arizona area. I am sure we will always remember this trek and the many interesting things we saw and the many friends we made.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

As we approach the end of this bicentennial year, 1976, may we pause to give thanks to our Father in Heaven for the very special blessing of being citizens of this great land, choice above all other lands. Through the Thanksgiving season let us give thanks to our Creator for our bounteous blessings and remember those noble pilgrims who were willing to leave their homes and all their earthly possessions to cross the mighty ocean for religious freedom. We give thanks to those great men who framed the Constitution for this country.

The month of December we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us each strive to follow His example by serving others and giving love to our fellow men.

## GEORGE C. LLOYD HOSPITALIZED

George C. Lloyd, our capable and efficient executive secretary to the National Society of SUP, is home recuperating from major surgery.

He spent most of October in the LDS Hospital. He is able to carry on some of the business by telephone. The SUP staff and membership send their best wishes for a complete recovery.

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# HIGH HONOR FOR GEORGE EVERTON

President Eldon H. Walker of the Utah Genealogical Association made the following presentation to George Everton, Sr. on November 6 at the Salt Palace:

This silver tray is presented to you, Mr. George B. Everton, Sr., as a token of appreciation for your dedicated, significant, and life-long contributions to the field of genealogy.

Probably no other person now living has given more people as much assistance in tracing their forebears as have you. Your *Handy Book for Genealogists* has helped more genealogists than perhaps any book ever published. That book is the constant companion of many thousands — the one book that they cannot do without. Your *Genealogical Helper* has developed a large circulation around the world as evidence of its importance to those of us who seek to discover our ancestral roots.

The Utah Genealogical Association is also proud that you are numbered as one of us. Your devoted service as a director of UGA in its earliest years has been an important factor in our success.

We are proud to honor you this day.



George B. Everton, Sr. receives 4th Annual Award from Eldon H. Walker.

## NEW EDITOR

George B. Everton Sr. has been selected to edit *The Pioneer*. He is a man of vast experience in the field of printing and publishing. He is also recognized internationally as a top authority on genealogy.

He is knowledgeable about SUP, having served as a national president. His home is in Salt Lake City since he returned from a mission in New Zealand, although most of his adult life was spent in Logan, Utah.



Irene and Marvin E. Smith

# THREE AT A TIME

Marvin E. Smith, *Pioneer Magazine* editor, and his wife Irene have received a call to serve for eighteen months in the New Zealand Auckland Mission. It is anticipated that they will enter the Salt Lake Mission home on Dec. 4.

Their farewell is planned for Sunday November 28, 5:30 p.m. at the Wilford Ward, 3179 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City.

Hugh, their youngest son, left for a mission to Sweden on October 26, following the example of his three older brothers who served in northern European missions. A sister served a mission to the state of Washington.

Marvin has been a working member of the national SUP board for eight years, assigned as trek master or liaison coordinator for the Battalion.

He has contributed to the magazine for fourteen years: twelve as a columnist, and the past two as editor. He and Irene have consistently attended and supported all activities of both SUP and USMB. This choice association brought many new friends into their lives.



Hugh B. Smith

George will publish the January-February issue for 1977. Please send news copy to him by December 1. Include newly elected chapter officers.

***Historic Drama Informs the Public*****GREAT BICENTENNIAL TREK HONORS  
THEIR PILGRIMAGE**

by Marvin E. Smith

The dream trek of the century was achieved this bicentennial year under the sponsorship of the U.S. Mormon Battalion of the SUP when the group traveled a total of 4700 miles over the pioneer trail to Winter Quarters, following the Battalion trail from there via Ft. Leavenworth, San Diego, Sacramento and Salt Lake City.

Six SUP chapters and four members of the national board of SUP participated in this historic tour by chartered bus and automobiles, returning home after sixteen days on September 12.

**GIVING INSTEAD OF RECEIVING**

In contrast to many organizations which received vast sums of bicentennial funds to commemorate an historic event, the USMB decided to make a gift to America. This was in the form of a dramatic historical musical program based upon events occurring during the 1846-48 period of activity of this U.S. volunteer military unit. Presentation of *March Across Our Land* was made in seven major cities enroute, without cost to the viewers. All SUP and Battalion members who were on the trek also doubled as actors in the play, along with several professional participants. High praise and appreciation was expressed across western America for this historic presentation.

**CREDIT THE ORGANIZERS**

National Commander Fred M. Reese and Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones, C.O. for the Utah division USMB and vice president of SUP, were the two men most involved with the organization and execution of this comprehensive tour. Plans and details have been formulating for this event over recent years. They deserve our gratitude and appreciation.

Leadership and prestige also came from D. Wesley Reese, national president of SUP, who was an active participant and took the part of President Wilford Woodruff on stage. He felt that this trek directly met the objectives and purposes of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.



Working together, two national leaders with the same name — SUP President D. Wesley Reese and Col. Fred M. Reese, USMB.



Cast and crew of "March Across Our Land."



Happy bus trekkers.

# PIONEERS OVER THE DISTANCE OF



"March Across Our Land," the lively drama of the Mormon Battalion, was presented free to the public seven times as the SUP and Battalion entourage moved over the famous trail.

Performances by the sixty-five actors and staff were seen and appreciated at the following locations: Salt Lake City; Pueblo, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Douglas, Arizona; Tucson, Arizona; Los Angeles and Sacramento, California.

Howard Pearson, Deseret News entertainment editor, was generous in his evaluation of the show. Excerpts from his column appear below.

#### HOWARD PEARSON COMMENTS *Deseret News entertainment editor*

Valiant is one of the best words to describe the feat of the Mormon Battalion.

Valiant is a word for the young cast that enacted the story of the Battalion in "March Across Our Land," a musical play that premiered Thursday night at the Special Events Center of the University of Utah.

"March Across Our Land" is a pleasant, but shirt-tailed story of the Mormon Battalion, which 130 years ago staged a 2,000-mile march from Omaha, Nebraska, to San Diego. Representing Governor Calvin L. Rampton, who was out of the state, Maj. Gen. Maurice L. Watts, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, told of the meaning of the feat to America — that it brought about the conquest of northern Mexico, the opening of highways to the Pacific, the discovery of gold in California and the settlement of the Great Basin.

All of these events are related in a series of 26 vignettes that contain a lot of inspiration and considerable history related palatably to the background of song and dance and enactment of the events.

The production, written by Chari B. Wheeler, with music by Jay M. Wheeler and Chari Wheeler, arranged by Mike Henderson, contains thoughts of patriotism, love of family and of God and loyalty. *(continued on page six)*



*Captain Wayne Goodman, Tucson, and Mary Goodman, Salt Lake City. Both the name and the uniform have pleasant memories for Mary.*

# DREAM TREK



*Major David Fisher, center, with two historians, address the visitors at Ft. Leavenworth near grave of Capt. James Allen, recruiting officer for USMB.*



*Battalion Monument at Pueblo, Colorado.*



*Tucson officers standing back of their wives are: 1st Lt. Wm. T. Wells, Benjamin M. Lott, Capt. Wayne C. Goodman, 2nd Lt. Gale S. Bell, and Chaplain Reed G. Thurber.*

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**WELCOMED AT FT. LEAVENWORTH**

An exciting new experience for all was the visit to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where the U.S. Mormon Battalion as a unit of the Army of the West was outfitted for their assignment in the Mexican War. Major David Fisher met the tour group and rolled out the red carpet of welcome. He arranged for the group to eat lunch in the officers' dining room and then enjoy a tour of the historic fort. A. J. Stanley Jr., a senior Federal Judge and a retired colonel were well-informed guides for the visitors. The Carriage museum was especially interesting, including the famed Lincoln carriage.

Incidentally, Major Fisher happened to be the Elders Quorum president in the local branch.

## BATTALION COUNTRY

The caravan then went to Douglas, Arizona, via Dodge City, Santa Fe and Albuquerque following the march of the Battalion. The famed Gadsden Hotel hosted the group of travelers at Douglas, Arizona. Major Marvin W. Follett and wife Vadna welcomed the tour and guided them to many historic points in that area. He had a hand in erecting monuments which we viewed with respect all the way from the San Bernardino Ranch on the Mexican border up to St. David. (Read the story in this magazine by Marvin Follett about his personal spiritual experiences on the Battalion trail.)

## WONDERFUL COMMUNITIES

After leaving St. David where our associate J. Fish Smith had taught school for several years, we enjoyed a pleasant evening at Tucson. It was good to meet with Captain Wayne Goodman and his officers as well as President A. W. ElRey.

The next evening at El Centro, California, the SUP touring group presented a fireside program in the Ward cultural hall to a large appreciative audience.

Arriving on Presidio Hill in San Diego on September 6, the group joined in a parade behind Elder Howard W. Hunter and marched to the Mormon Battalion visitors' center in Old Town where 4,000 people were



*President D. Wesley Reese stands beside a monument to the MB. It was erected by the MIA youth of Tucson.*



*Elder Howard W. Hunter, leading the parade in 1914 Model T Ford owned by "Ash" Bishop.*

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# TREK MOVES ON

gathered on the lawn to hear Elder Hunter, Elder Robert Hales and others. The gathering was under the direction of Pres. Frank Bradshaw of the San Diego mission. The local MB Chorus performed and Col. Fred M. Reese spoke. A representative of the city Mayor highly commended the LDS young people for their recent vigorous clean-up campaign. Members of the group talked with Virgil and Audrey Peterson, Salt Lake SUP members who are on a mission at this Visitors' Center.

Unfortunately, the large crowd did not have the opportunity to witness the free historical musical pageant because final arrangements for the staging location had not been completed.

The next day Stake President John Carmack met the cast at the Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial in Los Angeles and witnessed the performance right there in the civic center area.

## HOSPITALITY CAPITOL

The SUP Sierra Chapter in Sacramento welcomed the travelers in wonderful style. President Evan Perkins, Ralph Bird, Grant Ursenbach, Jay Thurman, Mance Vaught, Ben Lofgren, Duane Ford and others had cars and hosts on hand to take the travelers into their homes for the two-day stay. Everyone reported that they were treated like kings and queens.

On California's Admission Day, uniformed Battalion members were given the honor of raising the stars and stripes at Fort Sutter. After a visit throughout the Fort, the Utah visitors were taken to Old Sacramento to lead the holiday parade and to visit the restored buildings and shops.

## PONY EXPRESS

Readily visible was the Pony Express monument which was dedicated in June during the presence of Horace A. Sorensen and Milton V. Backman, who are organization officers as well as past national presidents of SUP.

The USMB bicentennial drama was staged for the Sacramento citizens at the new Mormon Center, on the Aerojet property.

## COLOMA & PLACERVILLE

Arrangements by Major Mance Vaught provided the tour bus with a



*Some of the Sierra Chapter officers at Sutters Fort, Sacramento (left to right): Duane Ford, Ralph Bird, Pres. Evan Perkins, Earl Taylor and Heber Ellsworth.*



*Capt. Ben Lofgren and wife Ruth were typical of the gracious Sierra Chapter hosts.*



*Robert Lamoreaux, Col. Reese, William Farris: El Centro, California, Battalion officials.*



*Officials at dedication of Pony Express monument (left to right): Dr. Evan K. Perkins, M.D., Sierra Chapter president; Tom Holland, sculptor; Horace A. Sorensen; Judge Sherrill Halbert; and Milton V. Backman.*

state trooper escort to the pioneer cemetery near Coloma where brief services were held. Col. Fred M. Reese placed a wreath on the grave of the deceased member of the Battalion buried there, and Major Vaught gave the historical background of Nathan Hawk. Following a tour of Sutters Mill where gold was discovered in 1848 by several Battalion members, a visit was made to Mormon Cabin and then the excellent County Museum in Placerville. Mance and Lela Vaught made our visit a pleasant one.

## MORMON PIONEER TRAIL

Before embarking on the Battalion trail from Council Bluffs, Iowa, the happy band of travelers followed the Mormon Pioneer trail from Salt Lake Valley east to Winter Quarters. Dozens of famous historic points were visited, including: Fort Bridger, Devil's Gate, Ft. Laramie, Independence Rock, Chimney Rock, Rebecca Winter's grave and the well known Mormon Cemetery at Florence, Nebraska, where 600 saints are buried.

## HAPPY TOUR

The pleasant people who went on this historic tour felt rewarded for the terrific experience. They should feel like bicentennial patriots because they paid their own expenses and presented an historic show free to the public in seven cities along the route. Thus they assisted in giving out knowledge and kindling greater loyalty and appreciation for this great country in which we live.

***Trail Marking Commission*****SPIRITUAL EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE  
OF HONORING THE MORMON BATTALION**

by Marvin W. Follett

*Great Grandson of W. A. Follett of Co. B Mormon Battalion, who was the son of King Follett...*

After 18 years as a Ward and Council Scout Leader, I was called to be Stake Scouter. In 1958, I wrote to the M.I.A. leaders in Salt Lake and asked permission to use the Scouts and Explorers to mark the U.S. Mormon Battalion trail starting at San Bernardino Ranch and ending at Tucson.

M.I.A. leaders Ward Ray, Harold Matthews and myself designed a concrete monument to be erected at the campsites. The monument was a six foot high pyramid, thirty inch sides with a round base one foot above ground level and six feet across. Printing on the monuments included the date they camped and something of interest at that location, the Scout Troop's number and the date the monuments were placed.

Troop No. 27 of Willcox, Arizona, constructed a monument at San Bernardino Ranch where the U.S. Mormon Battalion had camped. They finished the work Saturday evening and asked if I would remove the forms. After work the following week, I removed the forms.

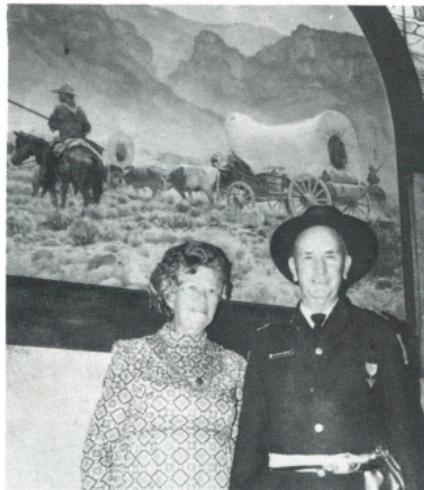
**SPIRITUAL CONFIRMATION**

It was late in the evening as I started to leave a voice said: "You have forgotten something." I turned around and went back to check again and found nothing. I started to leave a second time and the voice said: "You forgot something." So I backed up and sat there trying to think what to do when the voice said: "It is not dedicated."

When I gained control of my emotions, I humbly knelt at the base of the monument and dedicated it to the memory of those men who had offered their lives, if need be, in answer to the call of the Prophet Brigham Young, and of service for the land they loved.

**PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED**

At the close of the prayer, I arose to find myself standing amidst a group



*Major Marvin W. Follett and wife Vadna of Douglas, Arizona.*



*Burial place of Elisha Smith, teamster for MB. Left to right are Col. Fred M. Reese, Lt. Col. Elmer B. Jones, Omer J. Smith of Safford, and Marvin W. Follett of Douglas.*



*Scene of battle with bulls.*

of men with the most wonderful expressions of love and appreciation for the work we had done in erecting the monuments in memory of the noble

men who had been promised by the Prophet Brigham Young in a revelation that the third and fourth generation would rise and bring honor and glory to their names. This promise was given in 1848 at a reunion in Salt Lake City.

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I rode horseback three days following their trail from the San Bernardino Ranch, west to the San Pedro River, then north below Benson where they turned west to Tucson and enjoyed the ride as I was alone and visited all the places they camped and where they had the bullfight at Charleston on the river west of Tombstone nine miles.

**SAVED BY INSPIRATION**

After the summer floods stopped and the river was calm, seven of us, five boys and two adults, left Pomerene to ride the trail to San Bernardino Ranch. We were late getting started and decided to follow the old railroad to Fairbanks first camp. I was told that one train in the morning was all that made the trip daily. It was dark when we had to make some changes as the horses would not cross a railroad crossing of a creek.

While trying to decide what to do as the track was on the river bank and a cut of about ten feet high. The voice said: "Get off the tracks at once." I said that we had to get off of the track. So we rode back about one-fourth mile and found a fence across a creek which I cut and we were off the tracks. After repairing the fence and riding about one-half mile, a train travelling 60 miles an hour passed us.

**PERSISTENT SEARCH**

In 1964, the Rio Grande Publishing Co. published the second edition of Sgt. Tyler's book "Mormon Battalion and the Mexican War" - 1846. With the description of the country and listed miles, I was lead to the Cottonwood Canyon, southeast Arizona, where a wagon was wrecked, according to Tyler, and had to be abandoned. I have not found the wagon, but I have

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***Third-Prize Winning Story***

# MISTAKEN IDENTITY

*by Leah P. Kimber, Brigham City*

We read of many faith-promoting incidents, hardships and suffering endured by our progenitors as a result of their membership in the LDS Church, but not much is told of the humorous side, and I feel certain that James Laird of Ireland would have liked to have told this story about himself. In fact, I believe I hear him right now, on the other side of the veil, and I think he is snickering as he recalls these events with us.

James' father was a strict disciplinarian and it was hard for a young man of James' age to accept so much of it. James decided, therefore, to join the navy, which was an unforgivable sin, and he soon realized he had run from a severe discipline at home to a more serious form as a sailor in the Irish Navy.

**FOUR YEARS IN THE NAVY**

Four long years were to pass before he was granted a shore leave in his native Ireland. His disobedience to his Bible-reading father had tormented his homesick mind during those years and he had a strong desire to return to his father, ask his forgiveness and take his place as the family heir.

His leave did not give him enough time to walk the long distance to his home, but he had made up his mind to return to his home and leave the navy.

"I'm not going back to my post on that ship, I'm going home," he told his friends, and he pulled up the collar of his pea jacket in a reassuring manner and took long strides in the direction of his home which was four or five days' walking distance. He hurried past several small two-wheel carts pulled by scrawny underfed horses and led by country folk that were just as underfed and scrawny as their beasts of burden. He had not endured the hunger that was widespread in Ireland in 1850 because the navy had fed him.

**APPREHENDED**

After the third day of his travels, he approached a village near his home and came face to face with two officers walking slowly, side by side, with their shining helmets and polished buttons gleaming in the early morning sun. They passed the frightened boy without appearing to have seen him, but then suddenly turned and realized the dirty, unpressed attire was a navy uniform. They stopped and both

*Leah P. Kimber***ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

*Leah P. Kimber is the wife of Charles J. Kimber of 733 South 300 West, Brigham City, Utah.*

*She is a graduate of Box Elder High School in Brigham City and attended Smithsonian Business College. She worked for several years as an executive secretary and recently retired from Cooley Memorial Hospital in Brigham City as an accountant. She worked several years as Society Editor of the Box Elder News Journal in Brigham City.*

*The Kimbers have three daughters, one son and four grandchildren.*

*Sister Kimber's hobbies include creative sewing, oil painting, music and genealogy work. She is active in the LDS Church, having served as stake MIA secretary, stake and ward music director and as a counselor in the Relief Society. She served 27 years as chorister in various auxiliaries of the church and now serves as a missionary in the Brigham City Genealogical Library.*

*In 1968 Leah Kimber won a gold medal award for her story "Scotch and an Irish Mixture" in the SUP story writing contest, and her son Charles K. Kimber won first place in 1970 with his story "Me Good Indian."*

looked him up and down and one spoke.

"Boy, what are you doing here?"

James had not really thought about the situation he had placed himself in with his decision until that very moment and now realized he was a fugitive, a deserter from the navy, which carried a stiff penalty, if recaptured.

"Sir, I am going home."

"And just where is home?"

"Sir, I am hungry, could you tell me where I might find something to eat. I have no money and I am hungry."

The officer drew in his breath and let it all out at once, repeating the same five words, "And just where is home?"

"Bonnebefore, sir."

"Your clothes, aren't those navy clothes underneath that dirt and grime?" and without waiting for an answer the officer, whose red face had become even redder, said, "What's your name?"

"My name, sir, is James Laird."

**JAMES — NOT JOHN**

The smaller of the two officers bent toward James as if he was hard of hearing.

"Did you say John Laird?"

"No sir, I said James Laird."

"Let's see your papers."

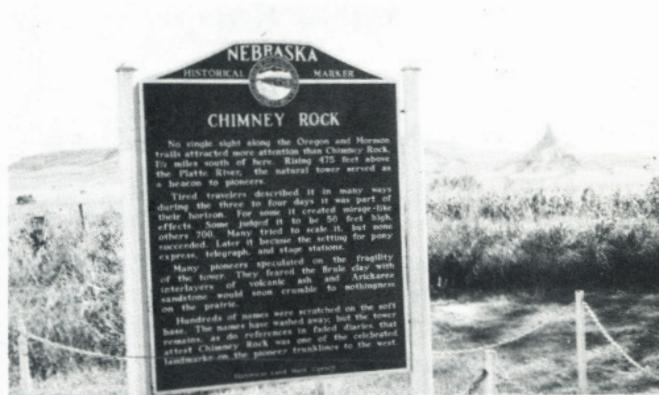
James reluctantly took his identification papers from his pocket and handed them to the fat officer. He slowly and reluctantly spelled out the name James Laird.

"Says here his name is James Laird, but I don't believe him."

"Let's take him to the Magistrate," announced the skinny officer, as if he had made an important decision and would be rewarded.

"You, Seaman Laird, are trying to evade the law and you are a deserter, so I command you to come with us."

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## East Mill Creek Leads in Life Membership Campaign

The East Mill Creek Chapter currently has forty-two percent of their membership inscribed on the Life Membership plaque maintained at the headquarters of the National SUP.

Prior to the 1974 encampment held at Squaw Valley, California, a special committee was selected for securing life memberships in the East Mill Creek Chapter. The members of this committee were: Bayard N. Robison, chapter president; Emmett L. Morris, president-elect; Albert A. Erickson; Arthur W. Wiscomb and John J. Nielsen.

As a result of the work of this committee the following life memberships were presented at the Squaw Valley Encampment: Stuart Bagley, Joseph A. Brown, Charles R. Done, Eugene B. Duffin, Joy F. Dunyon, Albert A. Erickson, Lesley Goates, Emmett L. Morris, John J. Nielsen, R. A. Ritchie and M. Kenneth White.

Following the success of the life membership committee and the 1974 encampment it was decided to have a similar committee for the 1976 encampment. Woodrow W. Caldwell, chapter president, appointed a committee of La Mar J. Gardner and John J. Nielsen, and the following life memberships were inscribed on the national headquarters plaque: Woodrow W. Caldwell, S. R. Debenham, Lynn G. Garff, L. Marcus Jensen, Clive C. Johnson and Oscar Egbert. With the life membership of Oscar Egbert the national life membership total now comes to two hundred and five.

## Sugarhouse

The Sugarhouse Chapter held its annual business meeting on October 25, 1976. After a delicious dinner and announcements, the nominating committee gave its report, and the officers for next year are as follows: George B. McLelland, president; Joseph G. Jeppson, president-elect; Alvin G. Pack, vice president; John A. Larsen, vice president.

It was recommended that members of the chapter volunteer to serve as hosts at the Pioneer Village at Lagoon during the coming year. Many who have served as hosts expressed their satisfaction at being at the Village and explaining things to visitors.

The Sugarhouse Chapter held its annual golf tournament at Mountain Dell golf course and its annual steak fry at Washington Park on the evening of August 23rd.

Eli LeCheminant was in charge of the golf tournament and had various prizes for numerous events so that all ten participants had a chance to win a prize.

The steaks, corn, baked potatoes, melons, etc. were all exceptionally good. After the dinner, music was furnished by Paul Van Dam and Associates. All members in attendance had a very enjoyable evening.

—Rulon W. Clark

The 1977 host chapter suggests and challenges other chapters to set up special committees to enroll a similar percentage of their local chapters on the special plaque at our national headquarters. We did it — so can you.

—E. Kay Kirkham

# CHAPTER NEW

## Salt Lake City

Our speaker for September, at the Hotel Utah, was Dr. Ted J. Warner, chairman of the BYU History Department, who discussed the story of Father Dominguez.

In explanation of the title of his paper, "The Forgotten Friar; the Untold Story of Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez," Dr. Warner writes:

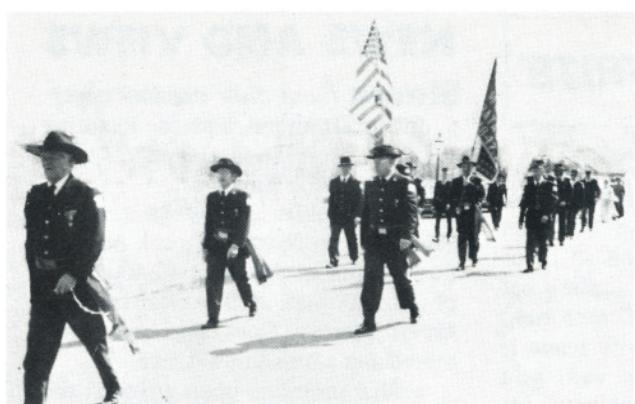
"Although the senior partner in the 1776 expedition which entered Utah, he has never received credit for his major role in the enterprise. It is my purpose, not to downgrade the contributions of Fray Silvestre Velez de Escalante, which were substantial, but to give Father Dominguez a just measure of recognition and appreciation for his heartbreaking yet thankless efforts."

## Box Elder

Herman and Thelma Kotter of Brigham City, Box Elder Chapter SUP, were called to the Canada Vancouver mission.



Herman and Thelma Kotter



## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Temple Quarry

This chapter is noted for its interesting treks, and in February of this year, under the supervision of Trek Chairman Glen Greenwood and wife Donna, an interesting, exciting and informative trip was experienced when the chapter went to Death Valley and other points of interest along the way. During October we made a one-day trek to Fort Bridger, Wyoming. Professor Fred R. Gowans from BYU accompanied them and shared some of his great store of knowledge. Dr. Gowans is well acquainted with the Ft. Bridger area and the three sites of the fort through much study and research for his doctorate dissertation.

In June, Temple Quarry Chapter celebrated the 20th anniversary of the chapter founding with a banquet at the Hall in the former Pioneer Village. There were 95 in attendance at which time former presidents and charter members were honored by chapter president John C. Richards. Brother and Sister Jay Steadman furnished lovely musical numbers, and Brother Joy F. Dunyon, national vice president, was the speaker. He encouraged members to attend chapter meetings and activities and to build up the chapter by recruiting new members. LaGrande Asay was asked to give a special prayer asking for blessings for the improvement in health of former president and charter member Marlon Bateman, who was seriously ill. President Bateman has since improved and is able to attend chapter meetings.

Temple Quarry Chapter is active and growing under the able leadership of President Richards, and you will see

### Brigham Young

A good dinner and an interesting lecture on the history of the Church in the area of Independence, Missouri, was enjoyed by Brigham Young chapter at Provo. Sixty-seven were in attendance. Parley Neeley was the lecturer.

— E. D. Boyce



the members wearing green and white checked vests at all festive occasions, with their ladies in matching pioneer dresses. The chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Pioneer Hall, West Jordan, formerly called "the old rock church." At each meeting a pot luck banquet is held, catered and served by the best cooks in the world. Guests and members are invited and welcomed by Dell and Ruby Smith, hospitality committee. Tables are beautifully decorated by Ivan Jones and wife, also the Eastmans.

During the bicentennial year, vice president Eugene Drake has instigated a unique feature of interest in the monthly meetings; namely, a historical talk or vignette by one of the members. These five-minute talks have been of religious, historical or humorous content but pertaining to the early history of our country and its founding. Along with the regular interesting programs and music, all members and guests have found much enjoyment and entertainment each month. Come join with us and be truly edified spiritually and physically.

— LaGrande Asay

### Sierra

Sierra Chapter left by bus October 30 for a tour of the San Francisco Mint and Fort Point. Earl Taylor arranged for a most interesting tour and was the guide and story teller. Ralph Bird had his travel van available to accommodate all that the bus could not.

At the last board meeting on October 7, 1976, President Evan Perkins read a letter from National approving our chapter's project to place a marker in Old Sacramento in remembrance of the contributions of Sam Brannan in California history. President Perkins and Earl Taylor have met with present owners of the original Brannan buildings and have agreed on a location for the historical marker.

Sierra Chapter is receiving good cooperation from City and County organizations toward completion of the project. Estimates for casting of the metal plaque have also been received and are being reviewed by the project committee.

As part of the re-enactment of the 1846 trek by the U.S. Mormon Battalion, descendants of this U.S. Army unit arrived in Sacramento on Wednesday, September 8 and participated in California's Admission Day celebration.

Sierra Chapter members hosted the 65 member battalion unit in their homes on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thursday morning on Admission Day, the U.S. Mormon Battalion conducted a flag raising ceremony in Sutter's Fort beginning at 7:00 a.m. After the American flag was raised, the rest of the morning was available to tour Fort Sutter, Old Sacramento, the State Capitol and other points of interest.

## READERS WRITE

### AN APPRECIATION:

To Col. Fred Reese and all who made the recent Mormon Battalion trek, thanks from SUP and all of us for putting over your old scribe's pet idea of retracing the 2000 mile trek. Only the illness of my wife made it impossible for me to go with you and perhaps help with publicity, for the musical deserved a better audience here. Why don't you write review for *Church News* or *Tribune* or California Mormon paper?

### THANKS.

Also to Marvin Smith and wife who go to New Zealand Visitors Centre as receptionists: In behalf of all of us, SUP and MB, for your work, Marvin, as editor of the *Pioneer*. You did a great job, which I know George Everton will continue. Irene, your wife, also did marvelous work for the battalion's monthly parties here. We shall miss you; our loss will be New Zealand's gain. To send a boy at the same time on a mission to Sweden shows your great devotion to the Church. God bless you all.

*Harold H. Jenson and wife*

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Placerville, California

Marvin — we just arrived home after a successful vacation in Salt Lake City and central Idaho.

Fishing was good as usual. Wish you could have been with us.

Checking through our local newspaper after our return, we found this article on your trip to our area. Best wishes to all.

*Lela and Mance Vaught*

*Editor's note: An eight-inch square picture and story of the placing of a wreath on the grave of Nathan Hawk at the Coloma Pioneer Cemetery was carried in The Mountain Democrat-Times, a newspaper in Placerville, California.*

*Col. Reese placed the wreath and Major Mance Vaught told the history of Nathan Hawk, who served in the Mormon Battalion.*

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TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP,  
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Daughters of Utah Pioneers have nearly 50,000 members but are still after more. The last thing Mrs. Kate Carter did, according to Acting Presi-

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Sierra (cont. from previous page)

In the afternoon, a parade featuring the U.S. Mormon Battalion marched through Old Sacramento.

The highlight of the Bicentennial Salute by the Battalion took place in the evening at Mormon Center adjacent to Aerojet. A historical musical, *March Across Our Land*, was presented and admission was free.

Friday morning, upon arrival at the El Dorado County line, Sheriff's deputies escorted the trek to Coloma where the Battalion honored in ceremony one of the original members, Nathaniel Hawk, who is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

After touring Gold Discovery State Park and the El Dorado County Museum in Placerville, the battalion were treated to a chicken dinner.

### Pioneer

We were pleased to have as our October speaker Dr. T. H. Bell. Dr. Bell is Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Utah, and until recently was the topmost education administrator in the Federal Government. He is in great demand as a speaker so we felt very fortunate in having Dr. Bell with us.



*Lovely ladies in pioneer costume visit Fort Sutter.*

dent Emma Olson, was to plan a campaign to get more granddaughters in.

With the SUP, who are now mostly old men, a new auxiliary termed Grandsons SUP was suggested several times at meetings by this writer, who still believes it is the best way to get new members, who could have their own chapters but be part of SUP, as youth does not like to be presided over by age.

It's worth a trial, and our Mormon Battalion of SUP also needs young men. Why not give this a chance?

*Harold H. Jenson*

Also at our October meeting we had a slate of candidates for Pioneer Chapter officers for the coming year. Elections will be held at our November meeting.

We are happy to welcome as new members: Jack Carlson, Wayne Lloyd, Bernie Plant, Richard Dieterle, and James Steinblick.



*Major Mance H. Vaught, Placerville, tells history of Nathan Hale to assembled MB.*



*Marker on Hawk's grave near Coloma.*



*L.A. Stake President John Carmack welcomes SUP President D. Wesley Reese at the Fort Moore monument.*

# MISTAKEN IDENTITY

*(continued from page nine)*

James could not deny that he was a deserter, but his protests that he was not John Laird fell upon deaf ears, so he followed the two officers across the town square to the small, dilapidated municipal building where he was told to be seated while his enlistment records were being checked by the Magistrate.

"I am so close, but so far away from my goal. I will be sent back to the sea for the rest of my life," moaned the young lad with tears in his eyes. He didn't care any more if he wasn't considered a man. He wanted to cry, so he didn't bother to wipe the tears away, just let them roll down his sallow cheeks.

The big heavy, ugly wooden door to the Magistrate's office finally opened and an officer motioned to James to enter. The Magistrate sat tall and imposing at his bench and frowned down upon the hungry little Irish sailor.

"This enlistment records says John Laird has a large mole on the left leg. Young man, if you are not John Laird, show me that you do not have a mole on your left leg."

James unbuttoned the dirty, unpressed bell-bottomed trousers and let them fall to the floor, then turned his right leg toward the Magistrate.

"Sir, I have a mole on the right leg as you can see, but not on the left leg."

Both officers leaned over to get a better look and to satisfy themselves that the right leg was really the right leg of James Laird.

"The record also says that John Laird has a small purple birthmark on the right buttocks. James Laird, if you are not John Laird, show me that you do not have a birthmark on the right buttocks."

Whereupon James bent over a chair so that his anatomy could be inspected by the three men present.

"Sir," said the disappointed skinny officer, "there is a purple birthmark on his buttocks, but it is on the left buttocks."

The officers looked at each other, then at the Magistrate, with great disappointment at not having uncovered an act of wrongdoing.

"Sir," addressed the fat officer to the Magistrate, "I know very well this kid is John Laird even though he says he ain't and the identifying marks are on the wrong sides."

## STILL JAMES

"Mr. McClure, I am Magistrate and I will make the decisions when they are made," stated the man of most importance.

"John Laird, or James Laird, whichever you are, I can't keep you here. I will have to set you free. You are at your liberty but do not be brought before me again. Leave this village and return to your home or I will arrest you as a vagabond."

James was so stunned it took a full minute for the impact to hit him and he murmured "Thank you, sir," as he hurried from the ancient building, still amazed at the freedom that had been granted him.

James always believed this event was a miracle performed in his behalf for had he been sent back to the Navy, he probably would never have come in contact with his beloved LDS faith.

Upon his arrival home, he was saddened to learn his father had died a few months after he had joined the navy. He lived miserably with his conscience for many years after.

James and his wife, Mary, found much joy in their religion and were staunch members. They prayed earnestly for his family to accept the gospel, but his family prayed just as earnestly for his recovery from the "Mormons."

Three small children were born to them before they could save enough money to cross the waters and join the saints of the Willis Company for their trek across the plains. The two little boys walked most of the way.

This family suffered and shared many sorrows and hardships with others of the LDS faith, but I'm sure James Laird is pleased that we recalled this humorous side of his life story today. We'll tell that serious side another day.

## SPIRITUAL EVIDENCE

*(continued from page eight)*

found two people alive in Douglas, Arizona today who saw the wrecked wagon parts. Mr. Rex McDonald and his father found the wagon in the early 1900's while driving cattle in the canyon. Leona and Ira Taylor saw a wagon wheel and wagon irons in 1935 while following the hounds on a mountain lion's trail. They both gave me the same location where they found the parts, close to a spring that they call the putrid spring, as you cannot drink its water.

## TEAMSTER'S GRAVE FOUND

On December 6, 1846, near Douglas, Arizona, Elisha Smith died. They buried him on the 7th of December. From the description of the campsite given by Tyler, I started searching for the grave on the Christiansen Ranch, 12 miles west of Douglas. Each time I met Albert Christiansen a voice would say, "Ask him about the grave." When I told him I was looking for a grave on his ranch, his answer was, "You did not find it because you were looking for a grave covered lengthwise with rocks the size of a football, black in color as if burned by a fire, right?" My answer was "Yes."

He said when his father homesteaded the ranch in 1880, the grave was found. He fenced the area for a horse pasture. Before his death, Albert's father asked him to take care of the grave as it was a Christian grave.

In 1945, the gas pipe line went through the area. Albert would not give them a right-of-way until they promised not to destroy the grave. However, they did remove the rocks from the grave to weigh the line down across a creek. Albert showed me the grave and wagon tracks that were there in 1880 when the fence was erected.

With the help of two Scouts, Gary Payne and Peter Simpson, we built an iron rail around the grave. When we dug for the corner posts, we found a row of rocks around the grave plot with the tops black and the parts under the ground reddish gray.

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Lest We Forget

# THE MORMON PIONEERS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS

*By President Ezra Taft Benson*

*Given at a Sunrise Service sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Saturday, July 24, 1976.*

*Part one in a series*

America is a very special land . . . a land I love with all my heart. I am grateful for the sacrifices which our forefathers made to establish freedom in this land.

In these days of prosperity, we tend to forget how America became the greatest, most prosperous, and most powerful nation on earth, blessed with an abundance of everything needed for the good life.

It didn't just happen. It wasn't an accident. It was all an integral part of the divine plan for America.

In the early days of this country, a special breed of men and women came from all over the world, seeking not only opportunity, but freedom. They were strong, proud, and fiercely independent. They believed that the surest helping hand was at the end of their own sleeves. They shared one thing in common — an unshakable faith in God and in themselves.

As the nation developed, out of this same mold came a special group, who, in a dramatic exodus, pushed the frontier of America from the banks of the Mississippi to the valleys of these



*President Ezra Taft Benson*

mountain West, are the beneficiaries of their noble efforts. Thank God for the inspiration they have been to us — their descendants.

The world knows that the Mormon pioneers were led here by Brigham Young; but the Mormon pioneers knew that they were led here by the hand of Almighty God. They came here as a religious group — as a persecuted people — and they came here as American citizens.

They were a unique people, for they had been expelled from what was then the borders of the United States, by citizens and government leaders of their own America, and yet they continued firm in their allegiance to the United States and its great, inspired Constitution.

The Mormon People, from the inception of the Church in 1830 and through the years to this very day, have always declared allegiance to the Constitution and the flag of the United States; and they will do so in the future, for America is the Lord's base of operations, which shall be preserved, and the Mormon people have a duty as sentries in securing the command post. I say to you — if liberty fails here, it will have failed everywhere!

*(end of Part I)*

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## AFTER 29 YEARS!

The banquet room at the Lion House furnished the setting for the annual reunion of the Centennial Trekkers on the evening of September 28, 1976. This company consisted of the same number of individuals as were in the original group under the leadership of President Brigham Young in 1847, one hundred forty-three men, three women and two boys. The seventy-two cars used by these modern trekkers carried canvas covers over wagon bows and were drawn by plywood oxen that succeeded in traveling about forty miles per hour.

It was appropriate that this year's gathering should be under the direction of B. Spencer Young and his supporting group of captains. The "B." is for "Brigham," from whom he descends. The officers rely greatly on perennial secretary Ralph G. Smith, who keeps track of all members and regulates the finances of the group. Ralph reported that almost one-half of the original roster have died during the years since that memorable week in 1947.

An excellent Lion House meal was enjoyed and an interesting program given. Adrian W. Cannon recounted some of the triumphs and trials that attended the first days in the Valley in July of 1847. Peter Danzig, who sings in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, entertained with two groups of popular ballads, and the accordian solos by Eva Brown were very appropriate.

Honor guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Eldred G. Smith, Horace A. Sorensen and Mr. and Mrs. Milton V. Backman.

Chosen to direct the activities of the Trekkers for 1977 were Company Commander Harry Poll and the following co-workers: George B. Everton, Paul Smith, B. Spencer Young and Adrian W. Cannon.

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—George C. Lloyd

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## STATEWIDE BANQUET FOR BATTALION

SENATOR ORRIN HATCH AND WIFE ELAINE WILL BE GUESTS AT THE BANQUET. HIS TWO GRANDFATHERS WERE IN THE MORMON BATTALION.

The annual banquet and program for the 1976 Mormon Battalion Day will be held Friday November 26 (the day after Thanksgiving) at 237 South 1000 East, Salt Lake City, beginning at 7:00 p.m., it is announced by Col. Fred M. Reese, national commander.

Wives, friends and families are invited. Reservations may be made with Chairman Elmer B. Jones, 486-0021, or by writing him at 1864 South State, Salt Lake City. Cost is \$5.25.

Lt. Col. Jones reports that Company A will not meet during November on the third Friday. Instead it will join in

the state-wide affair on the fourth Friday. Further details were not available at the time the magazine went to press.

### STATE PROCLAMATION

Did you know that Acting Governor Clyde L. Miller officially signed a proclamation declaring August 26, 1976 as "Mormon Battalion Day in Utah"? This commemorated the 130th anniversary of the enlistment of the Battalion, and the date of the initial performance of "March Across Our Land."

## PRECIOUS PEOPLE DISCOVERED



The beautiful persons pictured above came from Safford, Arizona, to Douglas to see the show "March Across Our Land," and went on with the trek to Tucson to see it again. They are descendants of the famed pioneer and member of the Mormon Battalion — Lot Smith. They were applauded by the audiences. At left is Nephi Lot Smith, the only living son of the original Lot. He is holding hands with his wife Catherine. At far right is Omer J. Smith with his wife Carmen Richardson Smith. He is a grandson of Lot and a nephew of Nephi. Omer's address is Box 328, Central, AZ 85531.

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# KATE CARTER, DUP LEADER, DIES

Kate B. Carter, 84, a life-long recorder of Utah pioneer history and a leader in community affairs, died September 8, 1976.

During a lifetime of research, travel and interviews she produced more than 35 books and some 400 historical pamphlets.

She served for 36 years as national president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and was the driving force behind a 25-year effort to build the DUP Museum, which was dedicated in 1950.

**PROLIFIC WRITER**

Royalties from Mrs. Carter's books and other publications helped finance the cost of the museum, which houses many pioneer artifacts.

Her writings dealt with the personal stories of thousands of Utah pioneers, and to the end of her life she admonished modern-day Utahns to compile their own histories for future generations.

**DAYS OF '47 LEADER**

Mrs. Carter was co-president of the annual Days of '47 parade and celebration for many years — an event observing the entrance of pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

She was born July 30, 1892, in Spanish Fork, to Finnbogi and Mary C. (Jensen) Bjornson (Bearnson). Her mother was a native of Denmark and her father was from Iceland.

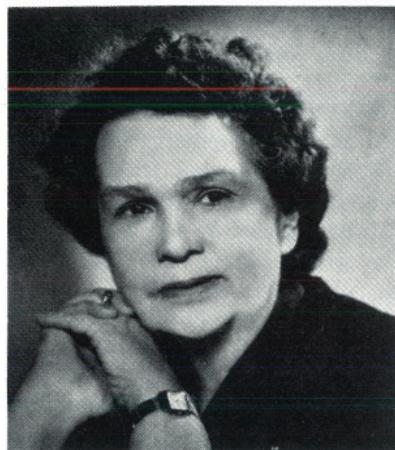
Her father was an avid historian and imparted his love of history to his young daughter.

**ACTIVE IN CHURCH**

A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she taught Sunday School, worked as a leader in youth programs and held ward and stake positions in the Relief Society.

She was married to Austin Carter, June 14, 1917, in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived in Spanish Fork until 1926 when they moved to Salt Lake City.

She gathered stories on the lives of individual pioneers which were published as 19 volumes of "Our Pioneer



*President Kate B. Carter*

Heritage," the 12 volumes of "Heart Throbs of the West," and six volumes of "Treasures of Pioneer History" — together one of the most extensive Utah historical writing projects.

The DUP carried out a program of erecting markers at historic pioneer sites in Utah and other states and Mrs. Carter expanded that to a worldwide program in 1965.

Mrs. Carter authored widely distributed works on the Utah flag and the Pony Express and served on a variety of historical commissions and associations.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

In 1947, Utah's centennial year, she was a member of the arts and history sections of the Centennial Commission and compiled a bibliography of Utah writings and history. Some 50,000 copies were distributed throughout the U.S.

She has been cited by many national and international history groups for her work and was the only woman in the U.S. to receive the Falcon of Iceland award. It was given for her history of Scandinavian people who came to Utah.

**FAMILY**

Her survivors include one daughter and two sons: Mrs. Gifford A. (Kathryn) Smith, Woods Cross; Boyer A. Carter, Kaysville; Dr. Paul B. Carter, Logan; five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

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## BOOK REVIEWS



### BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD: COMMUNITY AND COOPERATION AMONG THE MORMONS

by Leonard J. Arrington, Feramorz Y. Fox  
and Dean L. May \$7.95

Available at Deseret Book Stores

The authors explain that communitarianism and cooperation are integral aspects of membership within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. *Building the City of God* traces the development of these sharing experiences and economic enterprises among the Saints throughout the history of the Church.

In 1831 the Law of Consecration and Stewardship was implemented to lay the groundwork for the whole economic and social structure of God's earthly kingdom in Zion. The United Order under the direction of Brigham Young attempted to fulfill this dream in Utah. Today's welfare program, instigated in the 1930's as a response to the Great Depression, is the "trial pattern" to eventually move the Saints into the Law of Consecration.

*Building the City of God* is important reading for LDS people who will one day be called to live the United Order in connection with the redemption of Zion and the return of Christ to the Earth.

—Kathleen P. Smith

### WHO'S WHO IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

by Robert J. Matthews \$1.95, paperbound  
Available at Deseret Book Stores

This useful reference work presents interesting and easy-to-use biographies about each person mentioned in the Book of Mormon. The information available on each character includes the approximate time when the individual lived and his relationship to others as well as a sequenced list of significant events in the life of the person.

The volume also contains biographies on the men and women mentioned in the Book of Mormon whose names are not known. Many of these personalities, such as the brother of Jared, are nevertheless significant to the record. The reference material on the brother of Jared, for example, notes the fact that the Prophet Joseph Smith stated that the brother of Jared's name is Mahonri Moriancumr.

These biographies and other interesting information in *Who's Who in the Book of Mormon* help the reader to become better informed and provides for him a deeper reading experience in the Book of Mormon.

—Stewart E. Smith

### A COMPANION TO YOUR STUDY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

by Daniel H. Ludlow \$6.95  
Available at Deseret Book Stores

The most useful aspect of this *Companion* is the commentary and additional in-

# Chapter Eternal

### Robert Earl Madsen

Robert Earl Madsen, 73, 963 Vine Street, died September 6, 1976, at home.

Born April 15, 1903, Ephraim, Utah, to David P. and Evinda Allred Madsen. Married Bernice Mackay, November 11, 1931, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Owner of Bob's Machine Shop. Served LDS Mission in South Africa. High Priest; member Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Survivors: wife; son, Mack Robert; granddaughter, Shannon Kama; brothers and sisters, Tennys R., Fillmore; Reed A., Ephraim; Dee Pat, Murray; Mrs. Leah Vanionora, Mrs. Jesse (Eva) Fox, Mrs. Lucy Kelley, all Salt Lake City.



### Scott Preston Horsley

Scott Preston Horsley, 75, 26 North 200 East, Brigham City, president of the Box Elder County Bank, died September 30 in an Ogden hospital of complications following surgery.

He was the past president of several civic organizations including the Box Elder Chamber of Commerce, Brigham City Golf and Country Club and the local Rotary Club. He was a member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a high priest.

He was born March 15, 1901, in Brigham City, to William Clements and Lily Stewart Horsley. He married Manilla Poulter, December 22, 1925, in Brigham City. The marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. She died January 21, 1973. He later married Doril White Horsley.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter, Scott Phillip, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Richard (Joan) Haskins, Salt Lake City; stepsons and a stepdaughter, Dr. Brent L. Horsley, Rockford, Ill.; Dr. William W. Horsley, Brigham City; Mrs. Fred (Martha Clair) Christensen, Fresno, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; brothers and a sister, Dr. A. Burt, Provo; Raymond, Puyallup, Wash.; Mrs. Ervin (Lily) Davis, Provo.

### G. Walter Dansie

Walter Dansie, 87, 40 South 9th East, died October 4, 1976, at the home of a son in Logan, Utah, of causes incident to age.

Born April 5, 1889, Riverton, Utah, to Charles N. and Nina E. Silcock Dansie. Married Lucy Jeremy April 24, 1912, Salt Lake City; marriage solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple April 24, 1950. She died November 18, 1964. Held many positions in the LDS Church including High Priest; member of Priesthood Welfare Committee; Chairman Welfare Agricultural Committee; attended about 450 stake conferences on Welfare assignments. Was General Manager, Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Deseret Livestock Company.



Survivors: son, G. Walter, Jr., Logan; two grandchildren; sister, brother, Mrs. Golda Hoggan, Noroco, California; Julian L. Dansie, Clifton, Idaho.

### Charles Lamont Felt

Charles Lamont Felt, age 84, died September 14, 1976, at his home.

Born January 31, 1892, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Joseph Henry and Elizabeth Mineer Felt. Married Vera Hardy February 21, 1917, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. Founder of Felt Electric Company. Former President of the Republican Club of Utah. Past President of Sons of Utah Pioneers, on the committee of restoration of Saltair. Lifetime member of Intermountain Electrical Association. Served an LDS Mission to Germany. Former Sunday School Superintendent and High Priest group leader. Member of the University Board.

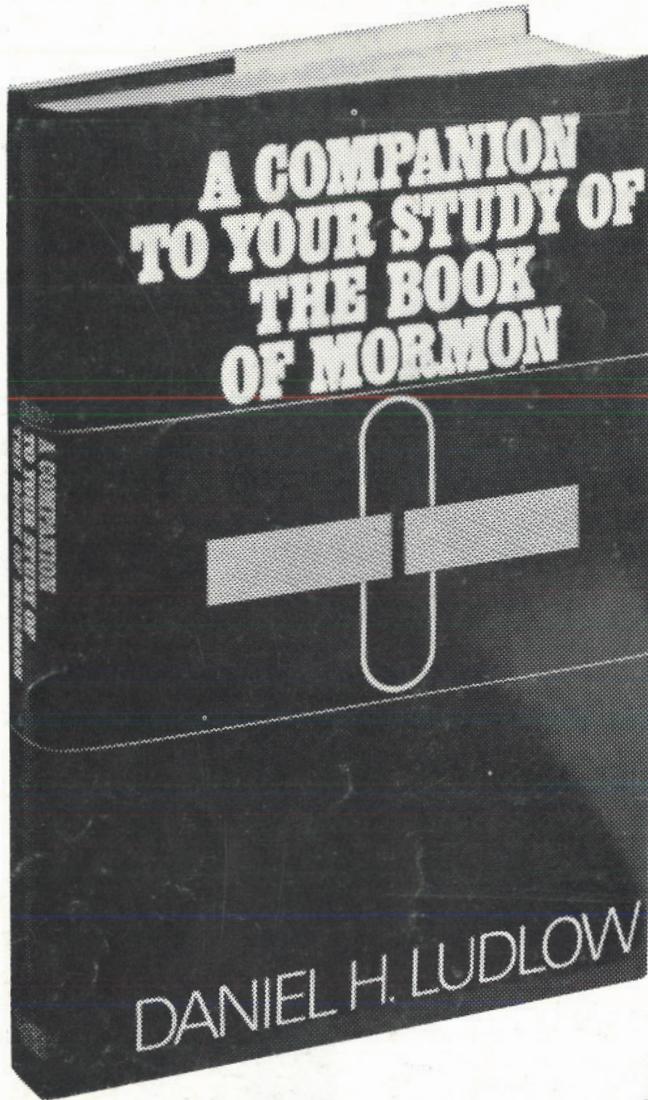
Survived by: wife; two sons, two daughters, Mrs. William A. (Merle) Blank, Maumee, Ohio; Mrs. Judith Pelton, C. Hardy Felt, Thomas L. Felt, all Salt Lake City; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

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